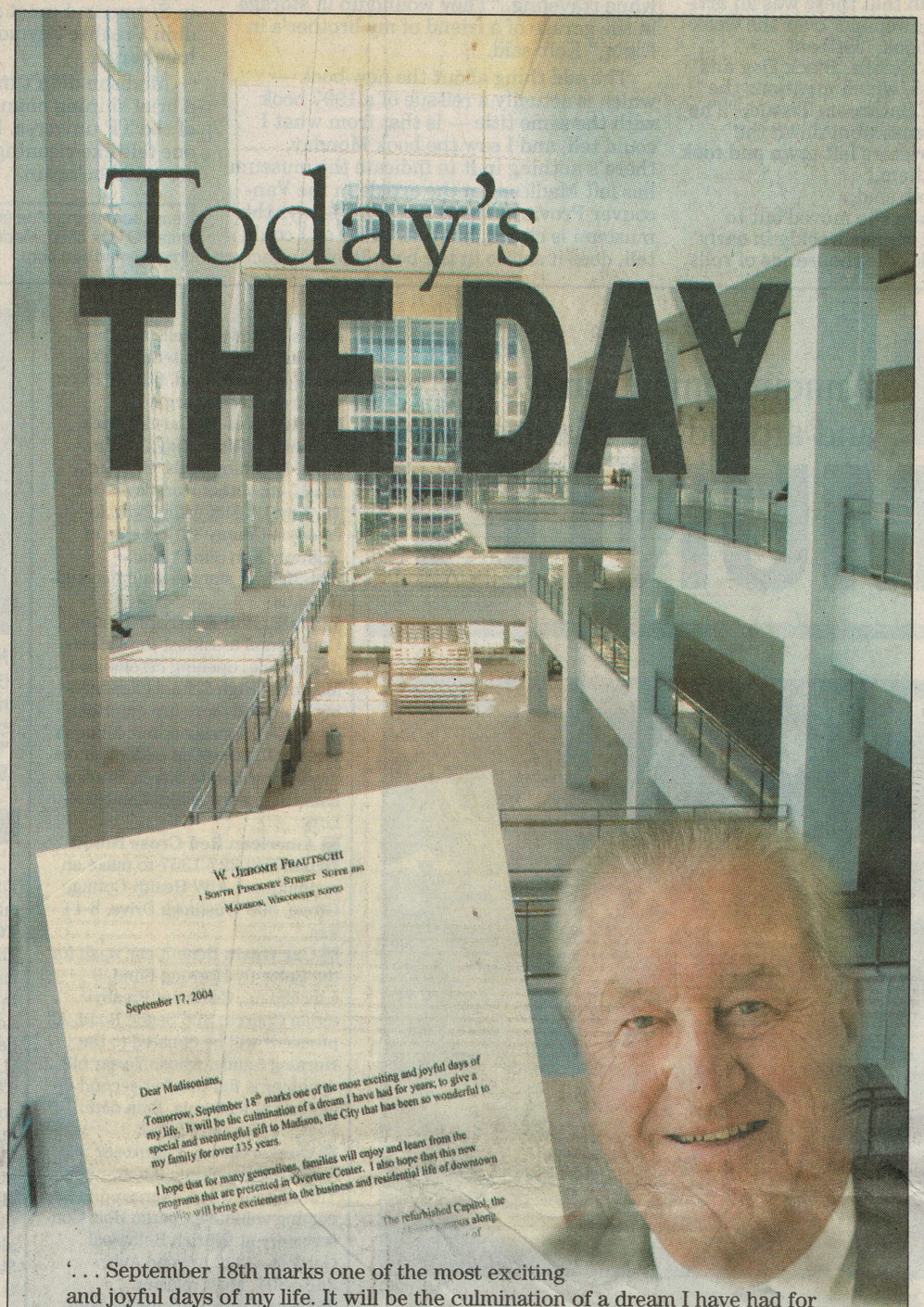

'. . . September 18th marks one of the most exciting and joyful days of my life. It will be the culmination of a dream I have had for years; to give a special and meaningful gift to Madison, the City that has been so wonderful to my family for over 135 years.

I hope that for many generations, families will enjoy and learn from the programs that are presented in Overture Center. I also hope that this new facility will bring excitement to the business and residential life of downtown Madison.

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful City. The refurbished Capitol, the Monona terrace and the great plans for the University lower campus along with Overture Center will make Madison even a more vibrant center of culture.

I am thrilled that I am able to give Overture Center to the city I love.'

Sincerely,

Jerry

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A letter to residents

■ The Capital Times asked Jerry Frautschi, the Madison businessman and philanthropist who donated $205 million to build the Overture Center for the Arts, if he would like to publish an open letter to the public on the day the center opened. Frautschi was happy to oblige. This morning at 9:45, he will join architect Cesar Pelli and Madison Mayor Dave Cieslewicz in opening the doors and greeting the public.